Data Project 2- Persuasive Essay

Date of Pre-assessment:

11/9/2010

Pre-assessment Prompt:

Utopian/Dystopian

Think about how the selections studied in this unit have reflected the five generalizations about utopia. Select one generalization which seemed especially true to you. Write a persuasive essay (minimum of 5 paragraphs) arguing that this generalization is true, supporting your point with specific examples from the selections of the unit. Use as much variety as possible in your examples. Explain your reasons thoroughly, and end your essay with a strong conclusion.

Generalizations:

1. Man has been searching for or trying to create a utopian world in some way since time began. (Why has man sought to create a utopia?)
2. Man corrupts his utopia after finding it or creating it. (What leads man to corrupt a utopia he has to try to create? What types of corruption take place?)
3. Man strives to create his own personal and societal utopia. (Why are some utopias individual and some more community oriented? What separates or defines a personal versus a societal utopia?)
4. Dreams, memories, nature, emotions, and time help shape man’s ideas regarding utopia. (Are the dreams and aspirations changeable over time? What commonalities exist regarding utopia across cultures or groups? What differences are there?)
5. Individuality can be lost in man’s quest for utopia. (Why does individuality erode through a utopia? Does this have to happen?)

Rubric:

Student-Friendly 6-Traits Rubric/ Persuasive Rubric (See Attached)

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